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THIRTIES COMEDY OPENS UD THEATRE SEASON

DAYTON, Ohio, October 20, 1987--The University of Dayton's Boll Theatre will be the scene for a highly theatrical human comedy when UD's Performing and Visual Arts Department presents "The Time of Your Life" October 22, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m.

"The play is a human comedy in that it has pathos as well as humor, and a lot of comedy is derived from a serious human condition," commented Patrick Gilvary, chairman of the Performing and Visual Arts Department and director of the play. Gilvary likens the play to a 1939 version of "Cheers" with a few additional characters.

The setting of the three-act play is a San Francisco bar called Nick's Pacific Street Saloon, Restaurant, and Entertainment Palace on a typical October day in 1939. Into the bar comes a whole series of characters cut from different strata of life--society people, streetwalkers, cops, lovers, musicians, dancers--and all are at various emotional stages. Sitting at the bar throughout the play is Joe (Ray Schiel), a wealthy young loafer with a good heart, whom Gilvary calls "a modern Everyman."

"The Time of Your Life," written by William Saroyan, opened in 1939. That same year the play captured the Pulitzer Prize and the Drama Critics Circle Award.

General admission tickets for the play are \$5. For more information, call the Boll Theatre Box Office at 229-2545. Box office hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.